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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1916.

The Farmer's "Musical" Telephone company at Cambridge, Vermont, is explained. Substitute the word "Musical" for "Musical."

Wilson, Hughes and Bryan happened to be in Pittsburg on the same day, making a remarkable collection—an is, a to be and a never was.

Our neighboring city of Keene is one of the communities which has sorely felt the touch of infantile paralysis, six deaths having occurred out of 11 cases.

The most important project yet attempted for the electrification of a railroad is to be carried out by the Great Northern railroad in Washington. The plan is to electrify the 200 miles between Seattle and Spokane. The Great Northern, through a subsidiary company, controls water rights on the Chelan river in Washington and the present plans, it is said, include the raising of the level of Lake Chelan, near which the main power plant would be established. The signs are that coal is going to be too expensive for use by the railroads of the country. Wherever water power is available they will be forced to use it. The Great Northern is to show the way.

The Underwood Typewriter company of Hartford, Conn., which makes a mighty serviceable office machine, by the way—has just inaugurated a profit-sharing plan by which its employees will receive one-fifth of the final net surplus of the company of each fiscal year. This handsome bonus for 1916 amounts to between \$200,000 and \$250,000, and the announcement to the employees that they were to receive a substantial sum over and above what they supposed they had been working for came as a complete and happy surprise. It is stated on good authority that this company, during the hard times three years ago, actually kept its plant going at actual loss in order to give its faithful employees all the help possible. We are not likely to hear much about strikes when a company shows toward its workers the generous and helpful spirit that the Underwood management has displayed.

The hunt for potash goes on. Its any thing to solve the industrial problem independently of Germany. Farn and Fireside tells of a new method that may help to reduce the crisis. In the manufacture of cement there is expelled into the atmosphere tons of dust from the smelters which with the fumes is carried by the wind and settles in a destructive sediment on all vegetation, buildings and other objects in the neighborhood of the smelters. Last year one large California cement company that had formerly been compelled to pay heavy damages for the dust blown from its plant secured \$80,000 net profit from the potash recovered by the new process. It is now believed that cement plants at present operating in this country can secure a by-product of 100,000 tons of potash that has heretofore been worse than wasted, and that as the cement industry enlarges the greater part of America's potash supply can be secured from this source

and at the same time reduce the cost of cement manufacture.

An Impressive Tribute.

(From the Belleville Daily, Ontario.)

Belleville is again called upon to mourn the loss of one of her most loved and gallant sons. Captain William Hudson was in such a position as the head of an important business that he might without criticism have remained at home and obtained exemption from military service during this war. Without a moment's hesitation he chose the nobler and more honorable course, and as soon as he could complete arrangements he deliberately placed himself at the disposal of his country. His name is now added to that rapidly extending roll of names of those who have fallen in the fight for freedom but whose sacrifice will shed eternal lustre over their native land. We who remain behind are the poorer for Captain Hudson's loss, the richer for his noble example. Belleville in days to come cannot fail to be inspired by the memory of those who have gone forth to play the man but who will not return from the valley of death.

Death after all is not the greatest evil to be dreaded, nor does bereavement bring the greatest sorrow. Few of those who grieve would rather than their loved ones had lived dishonored than to have died doing their duty in a noble cause.

Captain O'Flynn relates how he went on his last visit to London to carry what comfort he might to an English mother whose son had been in his company and had fallen in one of the engagements in the spring campaign in Flanders. She was a lady of refined bearing and accent whose expression gave evidence of sorrows that had been bravely met and heroically borne. As Captain O'Flynn told of his relationship to her son and endeavored to convey his message of sympathy she lifted her head sadly but proudly and, struggling with her grief, she said, "Captain O'Flynn, that was the last of six sons. The others fell in Gallipoli, in Egypt and in France. But if I had six other sons I would not wish one of them to die differently from what these others have done."

These young Canadians who have died such noble deaths in France have done more precious service for humanity than most of us could do in a long lifetime. They have helped to avert a terrible fate that threatened the race. They have given their lives to save the world from the yoke of a gross, gigantic tyranny.

Lincoln, on the field of Gettysburg, outspicing the soldiers who fell in that battle said that they died in order that government of the people, for the people and by the people might not perish from the earth. Our Canadian soldiers who have fallen at Ypres, at St. Eloi, at Festubert, Givenchy, and the Somme have given their all for the same cause. The peril of freedom now is far more deadly than it was when the Northern and Southern armies clashed at Gettysburg. Then the peril was ideal. Now it is world-wide.

And let those who mourn consider that their dear ones have given their lives in order that war shall cease. For the strong probability is that the triumph of Great Britain and her allies will mean the end of great wars. Those who have fallen, therefore, will have surrendered their lives as a sacrifice in the cause of lasting peace.

No man could be called upon to do more Christ-like service for humanity. The war against war, against the brutal despoiler of the weak and helpless, is a holy war, and those who die for so sublime a cause are among the immortal benefactors of the race.

Industrial Accidents.

(Rutland Herald.)

The first year's business of the Vermont industrial accident board shows 5,943 claims settled between employer and employee, covering compensation to the amount of \$139,431.47.

There have been few appeals from the awards of the commission and only one appeal has gone to the supreme court.

The cost of doing business was also moderate, covering the salaries of the commissioners, traveling and office expense. Attorney's fees to the amount of \$196.34 were allowed.

Some of these claims would have resulted in personal injury suits and placed both litigant and employer under additional expense, but inasmuch as the law contemplates the payment of claims regardless of questions of fault, it is doubtful whether a very large proportion would have actually resulted in lawsuits.

The important fact is that the burden of cost for personal injuries has been shifted from the workman to the employer, and through him it is supposed to be distributed to the industry. It is a question, however, whether this expense has actually been passed on to the consumer. Most employers will figure that it has merely increased their expense of operation so much, protecting them, meanwhile, from the constant danger of personal injury suits.

In practice, most Vermont employers have re-insured their risks under the workmen's compensation act, so that they pay a necessary profit to the insurance companies for carrying the hazard. This brings up a problem which may come before the legislature:

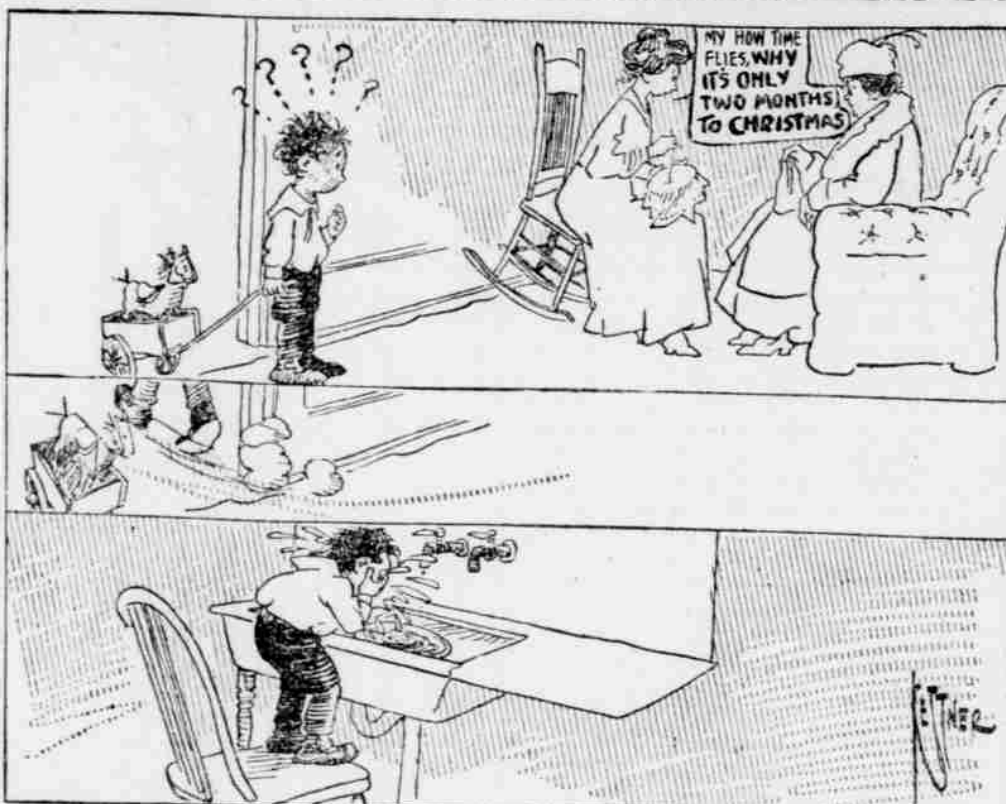
So long as the state has an organized department, why should the state not carry the risk, distributing it to industries of various classes and levying assessments as may be necessary but doing business at cost?

The objection is that the clerical and actuarial labor would increase the size and cost of the department, but, if the employees were to form voluntary associations of their own classes, why should the state not administer the fund?

This plan is opposed by most casualty insurance men and some students of workmen's compensation, but it is in successful operation in several states, notably Ohio and Washington, and many students of the relations between master and servant believe that it offers a feasible and inexpensive method of adjusting the burden of personal injuries in hazardous occupations.

The question of increasing the awards under the Vermont act will also come before the legislature, in all probability. This is a matter in which both employers and employees are deeply

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Colorado is a place where the nimble tourist goes to spend the summer and anything else that he happens to have with him.

Just forty years ago Colorado was admitted to the Union and at once began to vote straight Republican ticket. Four years ago, however, he raised a large crop of independent voters who are harder to control than a mustang pony with the hives. The second largest crop of Colorado is the \$20 gold piece, which is dug out of the ground and then returned to its native lair by the eastern tourist.

Colorado's chief charms are her climate and altitude. Thousands of Colorado people have become well fixed merely by selling the climate of that section by the week and throwing in a little breakfast food. Every summer tourists from the sun-blasted east journey to Colorado with traveler's cheques and prickly heat symptoms and get rid of both without the slightest difficulty. The cool, invigorating

Colorado nights, which stimulate the sale of the cotton flannel nightgown, are a great relief to the easterner who has had to sleep out on the lawn in a negligee which would bar him from the bathing beach.

The Colorado altitude can be felt more distinctly from the top of Pike's Peak than anywhere else, and causes the legs of the tourist to wobble in their orbit. Gold and silver mines are so thick in Colorado that any industrious citizen can start one with a garden spade, but more money can be made by raising cucumbers and the Rocky Ford cantaloupe. People who think that Colorado doesn't grow anything but smelters and mining stock should get out into the grain belt and see what irrigation mixed with brains will do.

Colorado is a square state whose people are of the sunny disposition. It is neither a sanitarium nor a hotel directory, but its sunshine and air are worth several times the price of admission.

(Protected by The Adams Newspaper service)

DADDY'S EVENING MARY TALE

by MARY GRAHAM BONNER

TURTLE-FROG TEA ROOM.

Mr. Turtle and Grandpa Frog thought they would like to go into business together.

For they were very friendly, and once, a good many years before, they had heard of a Turtle and Frog doing a fine business together.

"We haven't heard a story about Grandpa Frog in ever so long!" exclaimed the children.

Daddy looked pleased, and went on with his story:

"Mr. Turtle and

Grandpa Frog set right to work over their business.

"We'll sell all sorts of things to eat," said Mr. Turtle.

"Yes, and we'll have a Tea Room where the other Frogs and Turtles can come of an afternoon and gossip and eat."

"And drink, too," said Mr. Turtle. "We shall give them such good Pond Water with Lily Pad flavoring."

"Fine," said Grandpa Frog. "You have the right ideas, I see."

"Mr. Turtle looked pleased at the kind words Grandpa Frog had said to him, as he considered the Frog family were very wise. They had every thing ready for a shop which they put up along the side of the Pond where they lived.

"That very morning a great many of the Frogs and Turtles came to do their shopping. There were Fleas and Bugs of all sorts for sale, and they were arranged very nicely on bits of Mossy Stumps and Rocks.

"How good these Bugs do look," said Mrs. Snapping Turtle. "I think I will have half a dozen."

"And Mr. Turtle did them up in a Box out of Moss for her.

"You must come to the Tea Room this afternoon," he said.

"Indeed I will," said Mrs. Snapping Turtle, and I'll bring Mr. Snapping Turtle, too. He needs a Rest in the afternoon. Of course, he has many a Nap during the day, but he is such a hard Snapper that he needs a great deal of change. I think a chat with his friends is what he needs."

"Mr. Turtle smiled and turned his Head from one side to the other, and Grandpa Frog said: 'Tell all the Turtles and Frogs, won't you, Mrs. Snapping Turtle? For we know you know

all the Fashionable ones. So if you tell them, our Tea Room is bound to be a success.'

"Mrs. Snapping Turtle was very proud at being considered so Fashionable by Grandpa Frog. And Grandpa Frog knew full well that she would be so proud of his compliment that she would see to it that all the Frogs and Turtles came to the Tea Room. In fact, Grandpa Frog made the Creatures feel so pleased with themselves that they were bound to come and buy his things. So he made an excellent Shopkeeper, while Mr. Turtle sold the Fleas and Bugs and other things they kept.

"And in the afternoon all the Turtles and Frogs came to the Tea Room. They drank Pond Water flavored with Lily Pads, they Ate Moss Sandwiches with delicious Bugs and very little Moss! And they had all the Fleas they wanted.

"They sat at little Tables by the Stumps which were in the Pond, and on some old, fallen Branches of Trees they also sat on Lily Pads. And some of the others went about from one place to the other.

"Pretty soon a queer sound was heard, and none of the Turtles knew what it could be. The Frogs croaked: 'Danger! Danger!'

"And all the Turtles drew their Heads, their four Legs and their Tails—right into their Shells. For they all wore two Shells, the bottom one very smooth, and the top one very rough.

"The Snapping Turtles were all ready to snap for all they were worth and give Good Bites at anything that came near them, when suddenly they heard Voices they knew were friendly.

"Come out of your Shells, they heard the Voices say, and as they spied Grandpa Frog, they called out: 'Hello Grandpa Frog. We've come to your Tea Room, but we would be pleased if those Turtles would kindly come out and say they're glad to see us.'

"Well, you should see how those Turtles came out from their Shells. There seemed to be countless Heads and Legs appearing all at once.

"Why, our old friends, the Brownies," they said. "And you dressed up in your fine green Suits for our Tea Room!"

"Yes, and we're ready for some Brook Lemonade," said the Brownies. "But we'll do without the Bugs and Fleas!"

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ly interested, and the experience of the state accident board should be of value to the proper consideration of the question.

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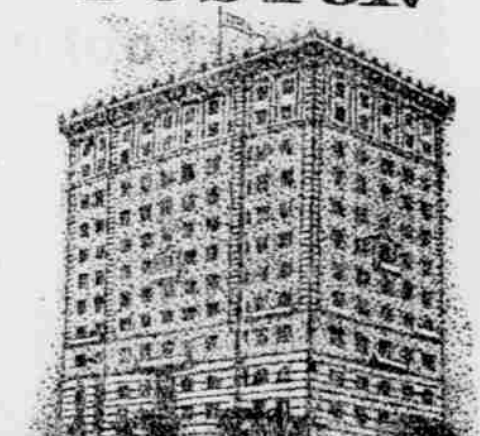
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